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CHINA IN AREAS OF SECURITY, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL  
TECHNOLOGY

REF: PEKING 1960 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: WITHOUT ANY OPPOSING VOTES (NO ROLE  
CALL BUT NOT UNANIMOUS), THE ASSEMBLY OF WESTERN

EUROPEAN UNION (WEU) APPROVED ON JUNE 20 A REPORT ENTITLED "CHINA AND EUROPEAN SECURITY", WHICH ENDORSES INCREASED TRADE AND PROVISION OF TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA. THE RESOLUTION HAD OBVIOUS ANTI-SOVIET OVERTONES, AND REFLECTED THE GROWING INTEREST IN WEST EUROPEAN POLITICAL CIRCLES IN BETTER TIES WITH PEKING. THE DEBATE MADE IT CLEAR THAT MOST PARLIAMENTARIANS PRESENT INTERPRETED THE RESOLUTION AS ALSO ENCOURAGING PROVISION OF ARMS TO CHINA. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTUAL TEXT OF RECOMMENDATION IN REPORT CITED REFTEL AND REPORTED ON BY NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE ASSEMBLY,

NOTING CHINA'S CONTINUING DETERMINATION TO SAFEGUARD ITS OWN SECURITY AND ENSURE RESPECT FOR ITS FULLY INDEPENDENT NATIONHOOD AND ITS FRONTIERS;

CONSIDERING THAT TOTAL RESISTANCE TO EXTERNAL AGGRESSION FROM ANY SOURCE IS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN CHINESE POLITICAL THINKING AS IT IS IN WESTERN EUROPE;

NOTING THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO EXPRESS THE WISH TO DEVELOP GOOD RELATIONS WITH EUROPE, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC MATTERS;  
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CONSIDERING THAT CHINA IS NOW A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE MAINTENANCE OF GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY,

RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL

1. EXAMINE ATTENTIVELY THE ROLE CHINA MAY PLAY IN REGARD TO EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL SECURITY AND STUDY CAREFULLY THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS RELATING TO THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE;

2. ENCOURAGE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BOTH TO DEVELOP THEIR BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND CONTINUE TO CONCERT THEIR APPROACH ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EEC WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING TRADE BETWEEN EUROPE AND CHINA;

3. FAVOURABLY CONSIDER CHINA'S REQUESTS FOR INCREASED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY.  
UNQUOTE

3. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHEN VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEBATE CONCERNING THIS REPORT, AND REFERENCES IN THE REPORT TO THE NECESSITY FOR "...COOPERATING WITH CHINA IN INCREASING THE LATTER'S DEFENSE CAPACITY...", DO INDICATE A EUROPEAN PREFERENCE FOR SELLING ARMS TO CHINA. THIS IS PROBABLY MOST EVIDENT IN PARAGRAPH 106 OF THIS REPORT, WHICH WE QUOTE BELOW

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IN FULL:

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WITH A SIMILAR SENSE OF "REALPOLITIK" AND WITH NO WEAKENING IN OUR DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE OUR OWN FREE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE AS THE BEST FOR ALL MANKIND AND TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WESTERN EUROPE IN GENERAL, AND WEU IN PARTICULAR, SHOULD RESPOND FAVOURABLY TO THE GROWING OPPORTUNITIES TO CO-OPERATE WITH CHINA IN INCREASING THE LATTER'S DEFENCE CAPACITY, REALISING THAT WITH NO COUNTER-BALANCING DANGERS TO OUR OWN SECURITY, BUT QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE OVERALL DETERRENT AGAINST ANY SOVIET MILITARY OPPORTUNISM CAN ONLY BE REINFORCED.

UNQUOTE

4. THE WEU ASSEMBLY (89 PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE UK, FRANCE, FRG, BELGIUM, HOLLAND, ITALY, AND LUXEMBOURG) VOTED ON JUNE 20 FOR A REPORT SUBMITTED BY SIR FREDERICK BENNETT (UK) IN HIS CAPACITY AS RAPPORTEUR OF THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. IN INTRODUCING THE RESOLUTION, BENNETT EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE SOVIET UNION REGARDING THIS REPORT. IT SEEMS THAT 4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLICATION OF THIS REPORT ON MAY 16, SOVIET ENVOYS IN THE CAPITALS OF ALL 7 MEMBER STATES OF WEU MADE DEMARCHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THE ANTI-SOVIET IMPLICATIONS IN THIS REPORT. BENNETT ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THIS WAS AN INDICATION OF BOTH IMPROPER SOVIET INTEREST IN THE WEU, AND BLATANT INTERFERENCE IN THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE WEU. THIS CRITICISM MET WITH A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FROM THE MOSTLY CONSERVATIVE AUDIENCE.

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ATTENTION EA/PRMC) IS AN INTERESTING ANALYSIS OF THE HISTORICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE WEST AS WELL AS CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE CONCLUSION IS THAT CHINA HAS BEEN EXPLOITED BY THE WEST AND BY THE SOVIET UNION. THE REPORT -- AS EMPHASIZED IN PARTICULAR BY THE DEBATE OF JUNE 20 -- GAVE CREDENCE TO THE THEORY

THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE EUROPEAN POWERS TO  
AID CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT IN MILITARY, TRADE AND  
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AREAS, BECAUSE AN IMPROVEMENT IN  
THE CHINESE SITUATION HARMS THE SOVIET POSITION, AND  
THUS HELPS EUROPE WHICH IS THREATENED BY THE SOVIETS.  
THE THEORY THAT EUROPE IS THREATENED BY THE SOVIET  
UNION AND THAT CHINA AND EUROPE THUS SHARE A COMMON  
ENEMY -- AND SHOULD COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY AGAINST THIS  
ENEMY -- MET LITTLE OPPOSITION IN THE WEU.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE ABSENCE OF A ROLE CALL VOTE  
PRECLUDES US FROM SAYING THAT THIS REPORT WAS ACCEPTED  
UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL THE PARLIAMENTARIANS, ITS ADOPTION  
NEVERTHELESS IS A SIGN OF HOW SOVIET MISBEHAVIOR IS  
STIMULATING GROWING WEST EUROPEAN POLITICAL INTEREST IN  
STRONGER TIES WITH PEKING.  
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